



Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A fluid container system for containing fluid, comprising:
  - a first container that contains the fluid, the first container being evacuated to a negative gauge pressure when being filled with the fluid;
  - a second container having a capillary medium that contains the fluid;
  - a passage between the first and second containers communicating the fluid at a level wherein the passage is wetted with the fluid;
  - a ventilation port to communicate air between an interior region in the fluid ejection system and ambient;
  - at least one spill over region to communicate the fluid with the second container; and
  - a plurality of channels to freely communicate at least the ambient air from the ventilation port between the interior region and the second container; wherein each of the plurality of channels provides a different path that channels ambient air from the ventilation port to the second container and the at least one spill over region has sufficient volume to contain a quantity of the fluid that migrates out of the second container so that ~~at least if~~ one of the plurality of channels becomes wetted, another unwetted channel maintains~~remains in an unwetted condition to maintain~~ air communication between the second container and ambient.
2. (Original) The fluid container system according to claim 1, further including a lid for sealing the first and second containers from the ambient, wherein the channels are disposed on the lid.

3. (Original) The fluid container system according to claim 1, wherein at least one, but not all, of the channels communicates the fluid.

4. (Original) The fluid container system according to claim 1, wherein the quantity of fluid corresponds to a volume needed to prevent the fluid from wetting all of the channels.

5. (Original) The fluid container system according to claim 1, wherein the first and second containers are separated by a partition above the passage.

6. (Original) The fluid container system according to claim 1, wherein the first container further comprises a plurality of first chambers.

7. (Original) The fluid container system according to claim 1, wherein the second container further comprises a plurality of second chambers.

8. (Original) The fluid container system according to claim 1, wherein the first container further comprises a plurality of first chambers, and the second container further comprises a plurality of second chambers.

9. (Original) The fluid container system according to claim 1, wherein the first and second containers comprise a concatenated communicating series of first and second containers connected together to communicate the fluid.

10. (Previously Presented) A fluid container system for containing fluid, comprising:

a first container that contains the fluid, the first container being evacuated to a negative gauge pressure when being filled with the fluid;

a second container having a capillary medium that contains the fluid;

a passage between the first and second containers communicating the fluid at a level wherein the passage is wetted with the fluid;

a partition above the passage separating the first and second containers;

a ventilation port to communicate ambient air between an interior region in the fluid ejection system and ambient;

at least one spill over region to communicate the fluid with the second container;

a lid for sealing the first and second containers from the ambient; and

a plurality of channels to freely communicate ambient air from the ventilation port between the interior region and the second container, each of the plurality of channels providing a different path that channels ambient air from the ventilation port to the second container; wherein

the channels are disposed on the lid,

the at least one spill over region has sufficient volume to contain a quantity of the fluid that migrates out of the second container, and

the quantity of fluid corresponds to a volume needed to prevent the fluid from wetting all of the channels.

11. (Previously Presented) A method for ventilating a fluid container that contains fluid, said method comprising:

containing the fluid in a first container under a negative gauge pressure;

containing the fluid in a second container with a capillary medium;

connecting the first and second containers to enable the fluid to flow therebetween through a wetted passage;

connecting the second container to a ventilation port exposed to ambient by a plurality of channels to allow at least ambient air to freely flow therebetween, each of the plurality of channels providing a different path that freely channels ambient air from the ventilation port to the second container;

connecting the second container to at least one spill over region, wherein the spill over region has sufficient capacity to contain a quantity of the fluid to maintain the free flow of ambient air.

12. (Original) The method according to claim 11, further including:

sealing the first container from the ambient.

13. (Original) The method according to claim 11, wherein connecting the second container to the ventilation port further includes disposing the plurality of channels on a lid that seals the first container.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 11, further comprising:

communicating the fluid from a first spill over region of the at least one spill over region to a second spill over region when a volume of the fluid exceeds a volumetric capacity of the first spill over region.

15. (Previously Presented) The fluid container system according to claim 1, wherein a first of the plurality of channels is located near one side wall of the fluid container system and a second of the plurality of independent channels is located near an opposite wall of the fluid container system.

16. (Previously Presented) The fluid container system according to claim 10, wherein a first of the plurality of channels is located near one side wall of the fluid container system and a second of the plurality of independent channels is located near an opposite wall of the fluid container system.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein a first of the plurality of channels is located near one side wall of the fluid container system and a second of the plurality of independent channels is located near an opposite wall of the fluid container system.